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Please note that the phone number for all ADRC-TAE teleconferences has changed!

Most calls will take place on this line:

1-888-844-7278 Access Code 2695542#

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You must be logged into the <u>ADRC-TAE.org</u> website to access the links in the newsletter. Please contact Sarah Lash at (703) 269-5723 with questions.

This Week's Call: Pilot Sites Workgroup

• Thursday, March 20th, 2008

• Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern

Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278Access Code for Phone: 2695542#

Webinar ID #: 935-951-853

• Register in advance for the webinar.

As ADRC's continue to expand, pilot sites are offering options counseling as an important service. Many pilot sites have developed job descriptions for options counselors, some sites have staff devoted exclusively to providing options counseling, while other sites are still developing practice protocols and definitions that will help them increase their capacity in provide and track options counseling. For this call we will discuss ADRCs transition to providing options counseling, staff qualifications, protocols, and other topics.

Important Economic Stimulus Payment Information for Beneficiaries

The Administration on Aging and other federal partners developed a <u>PowerPoint presentation</u> and <u>informational booklet</u> from the IRS that provides information on the forthcoming Economic Stiumuls Payments/Rebates For Social Security recipients, veterans, and other beneficiaries.



ADRC-TAE Website Updates and Additions

New Call Resources

<u>Disability Program Navigator Fact Sheet</u>: The Disability Program Navigator helps people with disabilities "navigate" through the many challenges of seeking work. This fact sheet provides an overview of the program, which is jointly sponsored by DoL and SSA.

About the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP): This page from the Senior Community Service Employment Program website describes the SCSEP, including its goals, services, eligible participants, grantees, and other elements.

Upcoming Technical Assistance Events

March 20th Pilot Sites Workgroup Call

- Topic: Continued Discussion on Options Counseling
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- The <u>call page</u> contains details and accompanying resources.

March 27th Evaluation Workgroup Call

- Topic: Focus Groups and ADRCs Revisiting An Effective Evaluation Strategy
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- The <u>call page</u> contains details and accompanying resources.

April 3rd Monthly All-Grantee TA Call

- Topic: Department of Labor Programs -Disability Program Navigator and Senior Community Service Employment Program
- Time: 2:30-4:00 PM, Eastern
 Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
 Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- The <u>call page</u> contains details and accompanying resources.

April 10th Multi-Agency Peer Workgroup Call

- Topic: Consumer Choice Terminology
 Discussion
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- The <u>call page</u> contains details and accompanying resources.

Online Course --Smooth as SILC: An Introduction to Statewide Independent Living Councils



Presented By SILC-NET: A program of the IL NET national training and technical assistance project for centers for independent living (CIL-NET) and statewide independent living councils (SILC-NET). The IL NET is operated by ILRU, Independent Living Research Utilization, in partnership with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) and the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL). Online course implementation is facilitated by the Center for Persons with Disabilities, Utah State University.

Registration Deadline: March 24

Course Dates: April 7-25

Orientation Teleconference for Students: April 3

Purpose: This three-week distance learning course orients members of SILCs to the laws and regulations that guide their daily activities. In addition, it applies the principles and philosophy of independent living to situations commonly encountered by statewide independent living councils.

Target Audience: SILC executives, staff, and members. CIL staff and board may benefit as well. This is a beginning to intermediate level course.

The Instructor: Bob Michaels is a long-time consultant and trainer for the independent living field. Michaels provides considerable training and technical assistance to the field through the IL NET program

Registration: You may register online or by mail. The online registration form is located at: http://www.ilru.org/html/forms/online registration.htm

The mailing address for registration is : ILRU/ONLINE LEARNING 2323 S Shepherd, Suite 1000 Houston, TX 77019

Course Fees: The course fee is \$100 per participant.

Other Questions: Contact Dawn Heinsohn at ILRU, (713) 520-0232 ext. 130 or heinsohn@ilru.org